

Emperor William is doing, for he is a true Christian." The passage appears in the 1915 edition of the book.

In view of the kind of things that are being said about the Kaiser by the daily press, and doubtless also by the children's secular school teachers, the youngsters will probably have formed very decided opinions of their own about Emperor William's peculiar piety. Future editions of the *Guide*, it may be presumed, will be a little more discriminating in the selection of Christian models.

A Reasonable Protest

We learn from the Wellington papers that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wellington Mayor's Patriotic Fund the other day a protest was read from the executive of the Catholic Federation against a donation of £200 paid to Major-Chaplain Dutton for distribution amongst sick and wounded soldiers, while no money had been placed at the disposal of Captain-Chaplain Segrief, who was on board the same ship. The Federation did not consider it an equitable, fair, or reasonable arrangement that the Catholic chaplain should have to go, as it were, hat in hand to the Presbyterian chaplain for money for Catholic soldiers who might need it, and it was suggested that Major Dutton should be asked to place a sum at the disposal of Father Segrief. The Mayor, by way of explanation, said he had received telegrams from the south, asking him to supplement money placed at the disposal of Major Dutton, and he and two other members of the executive, acting on the spur of the moment, had decided to hand Mr. Dutton £200. There was no thought of sect or creed, nor did he consider Major Dutton would make any distinction. He had known him and Father Segrief since boyhood, and felt that money could safely be entrusted to either gentleman, and that it would be disposed of to the best advantage. Perhaps the best way would be to remit some money to Father Segrief when the £200 more money in.

The protest in this case was entirely reasonable, and it was couched in the temperate and conciliatory terms which never fail to win sympathetic attention. The course taken was based purely on principle, and not in any way on personal objection to Chaplain Dutton, who deservedly holds the regard and esteem of all sections of the community. There is every indication that, as the outcome of the Federation's timely and judicious action, a settlement of the matter satisfactory to all parties will be arrived at.

DIocese of Dunedin

A social will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Mornington, on the evening of August 4. The proceeds are to be devoted towards paying off the debt on the Catholic church site. A euchre tournament will commence punctually at eight o'clock.

On Thursday evening of last week the members of St. Joseph's Ladies' Club met to say good-bye to the Rev. Father Buckley, prior to his departure for Invercargill. The president (Mrs. Jackson), on behalf of the members, presented Father Buckley with a silver-mounted pocket-book as a slight token of their appreciation of the interest he had taken in the club, by securing for them the new clubroom. It was mainly through his efforts that the alterations were carried out.

The St. Joseph's Harriers held their weekly run from St. Joseph's Hall on Saturday afternoon. The trail led up Rattray street through the old cemetery, along Queen's Drive, and up the Kaikorai tram line to Roslyn. After crossing the golf links and Kaikorai Valley the pack returned to the hall via Maori Hill and the drive. Later the members adjourned to Brown's Tea Rooms as the guests of Mr. A. E. Ahern. The

captain (J. O'Farrell), on behalf of the club, thanked the host, who suitably replied. The team was then picked for the inter-club race, and the following were asked to go into training:—J. O'Farrell, C. Moloney, T. Roughan, M. Cosgriff, A. J. Tourell, F. T. Tourell, G. Pedofsky, C. Whelan, and A. Nelson.

At the meeting of the St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, which was held in St. Patrick's School, South Dunedin, on Monday, July 26, the following officers were installed by the retiring president (Rev. Father Delany):—President, Bro. Ryall; vice-president, Bro. Ross; secretary, Bro. Robinson; treasurer, Bro. Baker; warden, Bro. Gibb; guardian, Bro. Lenihan; sick visitors, Bros Mulrooney and Cousins; auditors, Bros. Lenihan and Fitzgibbon. At the close of the meeting, Bro. Ryall, on behalf of the members, presented Rev. Father Delany with a chaplain's collar, suitably inscribed. In making the presentation Bro. Ryall referred in glowing terms to the splendid work which Father Delany had accomplished on behalf of the branch since its inception, and hoped that he would be long spared to the parish. Other members also voiced their appreciation of the Rev. Father's services. Father Delany, in replying, thanked the members for their gift. He said he felt an affection for an institution with which he had been connected from its beginning. Anything he had done for the branch was a pleasure, and he would continue to assist it. He hoped that it would soon have a large membership, and that it would prosper in every way.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP CLEARY

We are authorised to publish the following statement regarding the illness of the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland:

The operation on the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Auckland, took place in a private hospital in Sydney on June 28. It lasted nearly three hours, and necessitates the patient remaining continuously in bed for some four weeks. A second operation is to take place later on, as soon as he will be physically fit for it. The chief trouble, however, is the neuritis and nerve overstrain. The patient's intellectual keenness and activity make the much desired mental rest a matter of difficulty; but his reading matter has been reduced to a small minimum, and visits and correspondence to him are rightly forbidden. The only visitor allowed—for brief spaces—is his spiritual director, Rev. Dr. Ormond, secretary to the Apostolic Delegation, who administers the Sacraments to him and shows him a winning kindness of which the Bishop speaks in most grateful terms. A highly skilled surgeon, also the foremost nerve specialist in Sydney, are both in daily attendance on the patient, who throughout maintains the brightest and most cheerful disposition. It will, however, be a considerable time before his health is sufficiently improved to allow him to leave the hospital.

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